
Erie County Technical School Leadership Report – Director & Principal December 2024

Recruiting: 9th Grade Tours, Open House, & Applications

Tours for our member districts were November 11-20. Then prospective students and parents could come from 4:30-6:30pm on November 21 to tour the school at Open House and meet with teachers. Applications opened 11/1 and priority enrollment due date was pushed back to 12/20 due to the week of weather delays and cancellations.

Our current application numbers are not on the same pace as last year, see below...

	1/3/2024 Last Year 1st Choice	12/9/2024 Completed This Yr 1st Choice
FVW	42	15
FLB	66	28
GM	68	46
GIR	43	35
*HBC	61	49
IRQ	37	20
MLK	116	42
NE	56	20
NW	37	22
UC	33	21
WBG	47	17
Other	3	7
TOTAL	609	322

Occupational Advisory Committee Meetings

The spring Occupational Advisory Committee meetings will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2024. These meetings will be held in the evening starting at 5pm and there will be a dinner served by our Culinary Department.

Erie County Community College Lease

Discussions continue about the long-term, we will be bringing a lease to you for approval in January. The basics are that rent will be \$15,359 per month for the first year for spaces 101, 102, 104, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, & 207. The total square footage is 17,740 that they will be billed for and the rent will change with our annual costs.

New Program Discussion

Attached you will find a report on the Community Survey we pushed out to gather feedback on future programming. The Superintendents have decided that the Heavy Equipment Operation is their recommendation for the next program we open, however they were split on waiting a year or opening next fall. Therefore, we will be bringing a motion to the JOC at our January meeting for approval of the new program to open in the Fall of 2026.

Professional Development Updates

- Maxx Teaching, Todd Luke, is working with all five 1st year teachers on learning classroom management, instruction, and assessment.
- Career & Technical Education Distinguished School Leader, Cort Speicher, is working with six teachers (2nd or 3rd year) on curriculum, instruction, and assessment.
- Southern Regional Education Board, Debra Cullen, is working with six experienced teachers and our instructional aides on instruction, assessment, supporting struggling students, and literacy.
- Northwest Tri-county IU5 TAC Specialist, Christina Sanders, will be working with three of our 2 teacher labs (COS, CNT, & CUA) doing job-embedded instructional coaching focused on team teaching, assessment, and classroom management.
- The PACTA Integrated Learning Conference in November had four of our staff members attend, with two staff members presenting at the conference.
- Our School Leaders, Julie Aiken & Officer Yeane, attended a Threat Assessment Training Summit for Schools in Cranberry Township.
- On February 14, our next in-service day, we are hosting a county-wide active assailant training drill for local law enforcement, our school personnel, and first responders coordinated through the PA State Police.

Other Happenings to Note:

- Beauty Bingo – A big hit, raised over \$5000 for the Cosmetology spring trip.
- EPS Supporting our Heros – Our EPS students helped with *Shop with a Hero Day* wrapping presents, helping kids, and serving food.
- Snow Responders – We had around 100 students offer to volunteer to help shovel out Disabled and Elderly residents who were snowed in when we asked for volunteers. Officer Yeane & Scott Webb took out two crews of about a dozen students to aid the County & Township EMA offices in digging out elderly and disabled residents.
- Rotary Interact Club – a handful of student from several labs decorated the Rotary Tree for the festival of trees at the bayfront.
- Season of Giving at ECTS – we are doing 22 food baskets for our students in need through the Elks Club #67, we are doing a warm clothing drive to help our students, and lastly, we collect money to buy gift cards for students for obtaining food over the holidays.

ECTS Grant Submissions

1. PA Smart CS & STEM CTE Advancing Grant for \$500k for advancing our manufacturing programs that include laser and robotic welders, in-booth gas mixers, advanced educational weld machines, brake, shear, roll, and high-pressure abrasion blasting.
2. PA Smart CS & STEM CTE Advancing Grant for \$500k through a consortium with PA Rural Robotics. ECTS benefit is around \$130k of drones and computer science in all our programs, with 0.5 FTE of a Tech Support position, then offering summer opportunities for training towards the FAA 107 certification.
3. PA Smart CS & STEM CTE Planning Grant for \$70k for taking our TRC program to be credentialed as a CTE program under CIP 19.9999 Human Services Occupations. The grant will include driver's education training and community mobility training for our TRC students, along with drone driving and computer science.
4. Perkins Competitive Equipment Grant for \$106k HEA and STS to get an Anatomage Table for the two programs to share. The Anatomage Table is the most advanced real-human-based medical education system. This state-of-the-art platform offers digitized human cadavers and superior medical learning tools.

Multi-Year Review of Budget & Projection Numbers

We put together several reports for the Superintendents over the November and December PAC meetings. One of the requests was to put together a projection for where our budget might be headed in the consideration of opening new programs. So attached are those projections shared with the Superintendents. Part 1 is Enrollment projections and how the total budget will be affected. Part 2 is the how behind the numbers in the total budget and what I discussed with the Superintendents when considering the new program. We will take some time at the JOC meeting to review the numbers.

Solar Project, Solar Grant, &

In January, we will be bringing you a request for approval to apply for the Solar for School Grant. We will review the game plan for that project at that time. We will only do the project if we are able to secure the 0% loan through the state government.

- \$3 million projected cost for 1.47mWh annually (our current usage for both buildings)
- \$5 million in savings over 20 years at our current energy rates
- Solar Assessment being done by Generation 180 (no cost)
- Solar Grant \$400,000.
- Government Funding being explored for 0% interest.

Student Spotlight

We had several students step up to be leaders while working in and for the community.

1. EPS Students helping with Shop for a Hero Day



2. Shovelers helping County & Township EMA

Brayden George, AJ Scalise, Dante Juratovic, Caden Vogel, Dylan Parsons, George Trauner, Kaitlyn Williams, Damian Bradley, Caleb Gresh, Luke Raycop, Alex Carney, Ethan Sisson, Jacob Locke, Rhett Larson, & Josh Hirtziel.

